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MFA Director for European Affairs Liliana Araujo told Dep Pol/Econ Counselor on November 28 that Portugal will continue to be a voice of moderation during the current debate on Turkey's Accession to the EU and reaffirmed Portugal's support for Turkey's EU membership. Recent press reports reflect Portugal's position, quoting FM Luis Amado as saying carefully "We have time to discuss (the issue)," on the sidelines of the recent EUROMED Conference in Tampere, Helsinki.  
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